

ASHBOURNE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1952.



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ANNUAL REPORT

To the Ashbourne Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the health, sanitary circumstances, vital statistics and various activities of the Health Department for the year ending 1952.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area. 86,188 acres.

Population. Estimated by the Registrar General 11,730.

Estimated number of inhabited houses according to the rate books. 3325

Rateable Value. £45,362.

Product of a penny rate. £186.

The chief industries carried on in the District are dairy farming, limestone quarrying and grinding, gravel digging, silica digging and manufacturing the same into refractory articles. There is also a Tape Mill.

Extract from Vital Statistics of the Year.

BIRTHS.

<u>Live Births</u>	Male	Female	Total	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the civil population.
Legitimate	95	85	180	
Illegitimate	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>	
	101	90	191	16.3
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<u>Still Births</u>				
Legitimate	1	2	3	
Illegitimate	<u>—</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
	1	3	4	.34
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DEATHS.

60 73 133

Death rate per 1,000 of civil population - 11.3

Natural increase of population - 58

Number of persons dying in or in consequence of childbirth

From Puerperal Sepsis	Nil
From other maternal causes	Nil

INFANT MORTALITY.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age -

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	—	2
Illegitimate	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
	2	—	2

Infant Mortality Rates (i.e. Deaths of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 births) - 10.5

DEATHS FROM CERTAIN SELECTED CAUSES.

	Male	Female	Total
Cancer all ages.	11	13	24
Measles.	-	-	-
Heart Disease.	23	29	52
Whooping Cough.	-	-	-
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-	-	-
Influenza.	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

	Under 5	Between 5 - 15
No. of children immunised	108	12

No cases of diphtheria were reported during the year.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE YEAR

Under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946 The Derbyshire County Council now administer the laboratory facilities, nursing in the home, treatment centres, clinics and hospitals.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREAWATER SUPPLY.

The water main extension to supply part of Yeldersley, Brailsford, Hollington and Longford has been brought into operation, and 150 applications have been received for a supply from the same.

The new supply from the boreholes at Yeldersley forming part of the above scheme has considerably increased the reserves. Water is being pumped into the Central scheme at the interconnection at Hulland.

Water main extensions have also been carried out at Hulland and Hulland Ward to supply the area known as Cross-o'th-Hands and Blackbrook which were previously very badly watered, also extensions to Biggin and Kirk Ireton in order to link the latter village into the main area scheme.

Since 1946 the demand for water from the Council's supplies for domestic and farms has risen from about 90,000 gallons per day to 400,000 gallons per day, and is continuing to rise at this rapid rate owing to :-

1. Water main extensions to previously unwatered areas.
2. The installation of modern sanitary conveniences in existing houses.
3. The erection of new houses.
4. The greater demands for agriculture owing to the higher standards of cleanliness now required.

In consequence of these changes, it is anticipated that the present supplies, and in some cases, the mains, will be inadequate to meet the needs of the area within the next two years.

Plans have been prepared for supplementing supplies, increasing reservoir capacities in addition to laying further mains.

This first portion of this scheme will affect the parishes of Hartington Town and Nether Quarter where plans have been prepared in detail ready for submission to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The new sewerage scheme for Brassington was completed and put into operation during the year, also such parts of the scheme for Hulland Ward as were approved by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Approval has been given by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government to a scheme for sewerage and sewage disposal at Parwich.

The Council are also considering schemes for Hartington, Doveridge, Thorpe, Fenny Bentley, Kniveton and Brailsford.

LEGISLATION.

There has been no special legislation adopted during the year.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Since water mains have been laid to a number of Villages, there is an ever increasing request for permission to convert closets to water closets. Owing to the unsatisfactory method of sewage disposal in many villages, these requests at the present time are unfortunately having to be discouraged. In the village of Brassington 26 closets have been converted to water closets.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

No change has been made in the refuse collection service. A fortnightly collection of domestic refuse is made to all properties within easy access of a highway where an approved pattern dustbin is supplied. A new refuse vehicle was delivered at the end of the year and it is anticipated that a weekly collection will now be carried out in certain parts of the district.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

During the year 1843 calls were made by your Inspector for the abatement of nuisances, 307 Informal and 5 Formal Notices were served, 296 of which were complied with. No legal proceedings were instituted during the year.

INSPECTION OF FOOD.

Owing to the central slaughtering of animals there are no animals slaughtered in the District except pigs for home consumption and an occasional 'casualty'. Numerous pigs killed for home consumption were inspected at the request of the owner. Difficulties have arisen in cases where pigs were affected with generalized tuberculosis and the owner retained the carcase for their own consumption. No further action could be taken by the Department.

Regular inspections of meat and other food have been made during the year. Details of visits made and inspections are as follows:-

Slaughterhouses	14
Bakchouses	23
Shops etc.	29
Ice-cream Premises	20

FACTORIES.

15 inspections were made of factories in the area.

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY.

193 houses comprising two parishes have been inspected and placed in the following categories :-

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY (CONTINUED).

Category No.	Doveridge	Cubley	Total
2b.	76	1	77
3c.	46	22	68
C/3c.	4	-	4
O/3c.	-	1	1
4/3c.	-	25	25
4/5c.	2	-	2
O/4/5c.	-	1	1
5c	12	3	15
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Interpretation of Classification Categories.

<u>Category No.</u>	<u>Classification.</u>
2.	<u>Minor Defects.</u>
2b.	Disrepair not urgent or serious.
3.	<u>Major Defects.</u>
3c.	Moderate repair and/or in need of certain amenities.
4.	<u>Rural Worker's Act.</u>
	Subdivided into Major Defects (3) or Unfit (5)
5.	<u>Unfit.</u>
5c.	Not requiring urgent attention.
Special Categories - Council Houses Prefix letter "C"
Overcrowded Prefix letter "O"

The majority of the houses placed in Category 3c. (houses in need of moderate repair and/or in need of certain amenities) are houses without water closet accommodation; internal dampness caused by the lack of a damp-proof course; no separate food stores; no washing accommodation and a lack of natural light and ventilation.

The question of water closet accommodation cannot be considered in the village of Cubley until a sewage disposal and treatment system is installed.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The particulars of the incidence of notifiable diseases (other than tuberculosis) in the area during the year are set out in the following table :-

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES (CONTD)

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases notified.</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Smallpox.	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	14	8	-
Diphtheria.	-	-	-
Enteric Fever.	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	-	-	-
Pneumonia.	5	-	3
Erysipelas.	1	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-
Measles.	37	-	-
Whooping Cough.	41	-	-
Cerebro-spinal Fever.	1	1	-
Food Poisoning.	1	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS.

It has not been necessary to take any action under the Public Health (prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY.

New Cases - Respiratory 7. Non-Respiratory 6. Deaths Nil.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY UNIT.

A survey was carried out by this Unit in September. 2137 people were X-rayed, the majority of whom resided in the Ashbourne Urban District. No active case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis was discovered. 7 observation cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 8 cases of inactive Tuberculosis were discovered.

I have the honour to be Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H.H. Hollick.

Medical Officer of Health.

June, 1953.

